

# City of Lawton Proclamation

*March is National Professional Social Workers Month.  
Licensed Social Workers proclaim....*

**Whereas**, the primary mission of the Social Work profession is to enhance human well-being and strive to meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society. Professional Social Workers are change agents who put the ideals of citizenship into action every day, and know advocacy turns community needs into national priorities; and

**Whereas**, Professional Social Workers know that discrimination of any kind limits human potential and must be addressed. Professional Social Workers stand up for individuals and support diverse families in every community. Professional Social Workers believe in shared prosperity and opportunity for everyone; and

**Whereas**, Professional Social Workers in Oklahoma help people in every stage of life function better in their environments, improve their relationships with others and solve personal and family challenges. Professional Social Workers know trauma can create lifelong social and economic disadvantages; and access to mental health treatment and health care services is vital and saves millions of lives; and

**Whereas**, Professional Social Workers in Lawton Fort Sill know all children have the right to safe environments, quality education, and that dignity and caregiving for the elderly and impaired defines a nation's character. Military communities need support to ensure successful transitions throughout the cycle of their careers and into communities as Veterans; and

**Whereas**, Lawton Fort Sill Social Workers celebrate the courage, hope, strength, and unity that is emerging in our community as we seek to promote March as National Social Worker Month, and recognize that all people matter, no matter their lot; and

**Now, therefore**, in recognition of the numerous contributions provided nationally by over 120,000 Social Workers, I, Stan Booker, Mayor of Lawton, Oklahoma, proclaim March 2022 as National Professional Social Workers Month and call on the Garrison Commander and all citizens to join with the National Association of Social Workers in celebration of the exemplary service and support of the Social Work profession in the Lawton Fort Sill Community, in Oklahoma and in the Nation.

## NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS MONTH

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Stan Booker, Mayor

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Col. Rhett Taylor, Garrison Commander